First-Class Mail—Postcards and Stamped Cards

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Eligibility Overview (E110)

Stamped cards and postcards may be mailed at various First-Class rates, depending on level of sortation.

- Stamped card: a mailing card supplied by the USPS, with a printed or impressed postage stamp.
- Double stamped card: two attached stamped cards (each with a printed or impressed stamp at the First-Class single-piece card rate) for the receiver to detach one card and mail back as a reply (E110.3).
- Postcard: a privately printed mailing card requiring postage.
- Double postcard: two attached postcards for the receiver to detach one card and mail back as a reply (E110.3).

Cards must meet specific physical standards.

Nonconforming cards: charged at applicable First-Class letter rates.

Rates and Fees (R000, R100)	Single-piece card Double card Presorted First-Class Automation Carrier Route Automation Basic	0.180 0.140 0.166	(\$0.200 each half) ¹
	Automation 3-Digit Automation 5-Digit	0.159 0.143	

¹Postage due for the "reply half" is not required to be affixed when mailed as a double card.

Addressing (A010)

For Presorted and automation rates, each piece must include a complete delivery address with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code.

Characteristics and Content

Required physical standards: shape, size, weight, paper quality, construction, and color (C100.2).

Other criteria: applicable automation rate standards (C810).

Dimensions (each stamped card, postcard, or half of double stamped card or postcard): rectangular, 3-1/2 to 4-1/4 inches high, *and* 5 to 6 inches long, *and* 0.007 to 0.016 inch thick.

Deposit (D100)

(C100)

Deposit:

- Single-piece card rate with postage affixed: collection boxes, carriers, or post offices.
- Other card-rate mailings: business mail entry units or locations designated by postmaster.

Mail Preparation

Single-piece card rate: none.

and Sortation

Other card-rate mailings: as applicable for rate claimed.

(M130, M810) Postcard-size pieces are always banded when presorted and trayed.

Postage and

Payment Methods (P100)

Method:

- Stamped cards: sold with postage affixed.
- Postcards: adhesive stamp (P022), precanceled stamp (P023), meter (P030), or permit imprint (P040); applicable conditions and restrictions.

Special Services

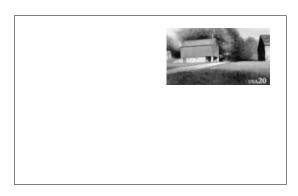
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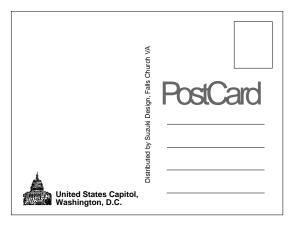
This guide is an overview only. For the specific DMM standards applicable to this category of mail, consult the DMM sections referenced above and the general sections within each DMM module.



Stamped Cards/Postcards/Double Cards



Stamped Card



Postcard



Double Postcard

Minimum size: 3-1/2" high x 5" long x .007" thick Maximum size: 4-1/4" high x 6" long x .016" thick

(Drawings not to scale)